

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EDISON-BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY

1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706

January 22, 2015

5:30pm

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS

The Edison-Bethune Charter Academy (“EBCA”) welcomes your participation at the EBCA Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the EBCA in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our EBCA. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.” “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
3. You may also complete a “Request to Speak” form to address the Board on Agenda items. With regard to such agenda items, you may specify that agenda item on your “Request to Speak” form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
4. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
5. Any public records relating to an agenda item for an open session of the Board which are distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the Board members shall be available for public inspection at 1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, the Edison-Bethune Charter Academy may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order participate in Board meetings are invited to contact the Executive Director’s office.

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 5:30 pm

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Frances Davis	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Jamie Gearon	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Tony Smith	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Sonny Uwaoma	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gloria Smith	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Francis asks for motion to approve Agenda...Tony makes motion to approve minutes...Gloria seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed
Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2014. Motion by Tony Smith adopt minutes as presented Second by Gloria Smith...Francis asked if there is any discussion...none
Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried**

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

The Board may not have complete information available to answer questions and may refer specific concerns to the Executive Director for attention. The Board requests that any person wishing to make complaints against District employees file the appropriate complaint form prior to this meeting. Speakers are cautioned that under California law, no person is immune from liability for making intentionally false or defamatory comments regarding any person simply because these comments are made at a public meeting.

Stacey McCowen 4369 N. Fruit

Stacey is After School Director was here to inform the board that the cheer team just wants to know what travel they will be allowed to do. They will follow their decision.

B. For Information: Executive Director's Report

This is a presentation of information which has occurred since the previous Board meeting. No action will be taken as the report is purely for informational purposes.

Mr. Lek Presents Google Drive usage to Board. Account and password given to board. Paul showed board how to access using Chrome and Safari web search engine to find docs for Board Meeting.

Informed of concluding Parent Conference week

Shared success of Great Attendance challenge... County Superintendent Jim Yovino is one of our sponsors and rewarded 2nd grade Mrs. Marquez class for 2nd Quarter

EBCA testing window May 12-29... EBCA Gearing up for state test

EBCA...Nominated Employee of the Year (EOY) for County Mr. Garcia...Administrator, Mr. Sprattling...Teacher, Employee... Mr. Lek

Currently getting Professional development from FCOE as per our MOU

Wrapped up 2nd session of Parent education workshops. He have one more session in the spring.

Artie Padilla made presentation Every Neighborhood Partnership

III. CLOSED SESSION No closed session needed

- A. ANNOUNCEMENT OF REASONS FOR CLOSED SESSION.
Prior to entering closed session, the Board will publicly announce the items to be covered in closed session.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (1 case)

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at ____.

PUBLIC REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (includes the vote or abstention of every member present).

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Organizational Meeting – elect President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary Susan Presents Election for office; Floor is open for nomination: Gretchen motions to Nominates Francis Davis for President Sonny Uwaoma second Frances accepts...nomination closed. **Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried**

Floor open for nomination for Vice President Francis Davis makes motion to Nominates Gretchen Saldana...Gloria Smiths Seconds. Gretchen accepts Nomination closed. **Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried**

Floor open for nomination for Treasurer Jamie Gearon makes motion to Nominate Sonny Uwaoma for Treasurer...Gretchen Saldana Seconds. Sonny accepts Nomination closed. **Vote FD-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes GS-yes Motion Carried**

Floor open for nomination for Secretary Sonny Uwaoma makes motion to Nominate Jamie Gearon for Treasurer...Gretchen Saldana Seconds. Jamie accepts. Nomination closed. **Vote FD-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried**

Congratulation to newly elected officers!

- B. Approval of the 2013-14 Non-Profit Tax Return
Susan Presents Non Tax return for 2013-14 we did long form because of loan for cash flow. Reviewed with accountant. Next year we will have list of all our

activities, salaries, donations, Questions called for by FD. Francis asks for motion to approve 2013-14 Non-Profit Tax Return...Sonny makes motion to approve ...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried

- C. Approval of the Monthly Financial Report from DMS
Susan presented financial report from DMS. Jaimie ask about School service. Susan explains it is a tool helps us with keeping updated with changes in education.
Question on FUSD employee clarification explained. Francis asks for motion to approve 2013-14 Non-Profit Tax Return...Tony makes motion to approve ...Gloria seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed **Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried**

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Field Trip Follow up – Cheer and Transportation

Susan and Mr. Garcia shared advice from attorney. Purpose of the call to get advice to protect EBCA. We are trying to do our due diligence to provide the board the best information so they can make a sound decision on creating a policy for all EBCA fieldtrips. This includes overnight and out of stated fieldtrips. Shared a draft of a chaperone policy that will would like to adopt at next meeting. We were advised that we should pay for fieldtrip volunteers fingerprint cost to insure that they understand they are providing us a service but our staff is ultimately in charge at event. We were advised to not allow car pools or have the teams meet at the event/game. Teams having two uniforms to wear at Saturday events does not release EBCA from liability. Students should be transported by a contracted transportation company accompanied by staff member on the bus, of course funding will need to be considered. We need to be aware of Free School Clause as we decide on policy. Gretchen recapped that we need to decide what type of entity we want to be...Very Conservative to Liberal or somewhere in the middle. The consensus seems to be somewhere in the middle. Susan will bring cost of past transportation cost so Board can decide what and how many trips to allow as we define the entity we want EBCA to be.

- B. Access to board documents electronically – Google Drive Paul Lek presented

- C. Meeting with Fresno Unified and Fresno County Office of Education

Met with Donna Ellis FCOE and Santino FUSD to discuss revenues for Special Ed and Food Service that EBCA generates. No clear number provided. Encroachment is still responsible of EBCA to keep FUSD SELPA whole. Students transfer affects money allocations. FCOE selpa is its own entity. Jaime looking for numbers to make rational decision. Sonny commented, we pay into pool but get less services. We may go from paying lots to less or paying less getting more. We want to look before we leap. Board ask for a list of acronyms. We will start a cheat sheet for acronyms used. Here's your first one... EBCA-Edison Bethune Charter Academy

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17.

Francis asks for motion to Adjourn... Tony makes motion to adjourn... Gloria seconds the motion... request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried

VIII. NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 26, 2015